

TERRIFIC CONFLICT IS NOW RAGING FROM SEA TO EAST OF VERDUN

British Captured 10,000 Germans on Douai-Cambrai Front and Are Pushing Straight Through the Strongest German Defenses

BELGIANS BEGIN OFFENSIVE FROM YPRES TO THE SEA

French and Americans on Southern Sector Are Advancing More Slowly But Are Capturing Towns in Steady Pressure

Paris, Sept. 28, 11:45 a. m.—British forces resumed the battle before Cambrai at daybreak to-day, according to news received here. They are reported to have captured the villages of Fontaine-Notre Dame, Cantaing, Noyelles and Saily.

London, Sept. 28.—Ten thousand prisoners have been captured by the British in their offensive in the Cambrai region, Field Marshal Haig announced in his official statement to-day. Two hundred guns were taken by the British forces.

The British have captured the towns of Epinoy and Oisy-le-Verger.

London, Sept. 28.—The British pressed their attack yesterday without a moment's let-up until a late hour, and in the evening accentuated notably their progress in the northern portion of the battlefield.

Canadian troops pushed through Haynecourt and have reached the Douai-Cambrai road.

British forces have begun operations in Flanders in conjunction with the Belgian army.

All along the whole battle front before Cambrai the fighting was progressing satisfactorily this morning, Field Marshal Haig announces.

The statement reads:

"Our attack yesterday on the Cambrai front was pressed without relaxation until a late hour. Further progress was made in the evening, more especially on the northern portion of the battlefield, and additional prisoners and guns were captured."

"Troops of the sixth and seventeenth corps continued to make good progress on the front between Fleury and the Bourlon heights. The Canadian division, passing beyond Haynecourt, reached the Douai-Cambrai road at nightfall."

"The eleventh division, passing through the Canadians, pushed rapidly forward more than two miles, capturing Epinoy and Oisy-le-Verger. At the same time the 50th division, pressing northward along the canal, captured over 500 prisoners in the defenses northeast of Saily-Cauchy."

"These operations have been materially helped by the admirable work of the engineers. Less than four hours after the opening of the assault, in spite of hostile shell fire, they successfully threw across the Canal du Nord a number of bridges capable of carrying transport, thus permitting our advance to be continued without check."

"The operations are progressing satisfactorily this morning along the whole battle front."

"Over 10,000 prisoners and more than 100 guns have been captured."

"Operations by the second British army in Flanders were commenced this morning in conjunction with the Belgian army. They will be reported in the Belgian communiqué."

FRENCH ALSO HITTING ON THE AISNE FRONT

Captured Two Villages There Southwest of Laon—Village of Somme-py in Champagne Taken.

Paris, Sept. 28.—In the successful continuation of the offensive west of the Artois, the French have captured the village of Somme-py, an advance of about four miles, says the war office statement to-day.

The heights north of Fontaine-en-Dorais also have been taken. The French have taken additional prisoners. The fighting continues.

Pressing on between the Ailette and the Aisne last night the French penetrated the ravine between Jony and Aizy and captured those two villages.

Farther north the French gained ground northeast of Sancy and captured 150 prisoners. A German counter attack north of Allemant was repulsed.

DROPPED TONS OF BOMBS.

And French Airmen Put 42 Enemy Machines Out.

Paris, Sept. 28.—An official communication dealing with French aviation operations on Sept. 27, issued to-day, says: "Good weather conditions permitted our aviators to actively co-operate in the battle and many exploration trips were made beyond the German lines."

"Our aviators dropped 26 tons of projectiles during the day and 25½ tons during the night on enemy bivouacs and installations. Forty-two enemy airplanes

were brought down or disabled and seven captive balloons were set on fire during the day."

The Belgian official communication for Sept. 27 says:

"The usual artillery action on the Belgian front continues. South of the Yser our patrols operating east of Merken captured several prisoners. Two balloons were brought down in flames."

BELGIANS CAPTURE 1,000 PRISONERS

Attack Delivered on Whole Front from North Sea to Ypres—Advance of More Than Two Miles Made.

Paris, Sept. 28.—Allied troops began an attack on the front north of Ypres to-day and the advance at some points has been more than two and one-half miles.

The attack is being made by the Belgian army and is on the larger part of their front south from the North sea.

One thousand prisoners already have been counted. Heavy fighting is taking place between Dixmude and Ypres and the battle is severe in the Houthuist forest, north of Ypres.

BULGARIA ADMITS MAKING PEACE MOVE

"Desiring to Put an End to Bloodshed," Government Authorized Its Commander-in-Chief to Make Offer.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 28.—An official statement dated Sept. 24, announces that Bulgaria has initiated a proposition for obtaining an armistice and peace.

"In view of the conjuncture of circumstances which recently have arisen and after the position had been jointly discussed with all competent authorities, the Bulgarian government, desiring to put an end to the bloodshed, authorized the commander-in-chief of the army to propose to the generalissimo of the armies of the entente a cessation of hostilities and the entering into of negotiations for obtaining an armistice and peace."

ORDERED TO CAMP UPTON.

Seven Washington County Men Due to Leave Oct. 3.

The following Washington county men have been ordered to leave on Oct. 3 for Camp Upton: Murdo H. A. Murray, Barre Town; Charles Falconer, Barre Town; Arthur C. Stockwell, Middlesex; Robert B. Wallace, Waterbury; Walter S. Gove, Montpelier; William D. Bartlett, Montpelier; Arthur H. Hirsch, Montpelier.

LOAN RALLY CANCELED.

Will Not Be Held in Barre Sunday Because of Epidemic.

Because of the prevalence of influenza it has been decided to cancel the rally for the fourth loan which was to be held in the Barre opera house Sunday afternoon.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Again the Government comes to the people of the country with the request that they lend their money, and spend it upon a more liberal scale than ever before, in order that the great war for the rights of America and the liberation of the world may be prosecuted with ever increasing vigor to a victorious conclusion. And it makes the appeal with the greatest confidence because it knows that every day it is becoming clearer and clearer to thinking men throughout the nation that the winning of the war is an essential prerequisite. The money that is held back now will be of little use or value if the war is not won and the selfish masters of Germany are permitted to dictate what America may and may not do. Now in America, besides, have from the first until now dedicated both their lives and their fortunes to the vindication and maintenance of the great principles and objects for which our Government was set up. They will not fail now to show the world for what their wealth was intended.

Nedra Wilson

FEAR 25 PERSONS DIED IN EXPLOSION

Franklin Coal and Coke Company at Royalton, Illinois, Was the Scene of the Disaster.

Murphysboro, Ill., Sept. 28.—Twenty-five persons are reported to have been killed early to-day in an explosion in the north mine of the Franklin Coal and Coke company at Royalton, Ill.

TWO DEATHS IN MONTPELIER.

During the Night Were Due to Influenza.

Two deaths occurred during the night in Montpelier as a result of the malady which has been existing in that city. These include Andrew Tomasi, who has been a clerk in a store for many years. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Tomasi, but came to Montpelier with B. Tomasi, his uncle, when a youth and has always lived in the city. He is survived by a brother, Antonio, in the Italian army, a sister Joanna in Barre, a sister Amelia in Montana, and two brothers and a sister living in Italy.

Carl Anderson, who was taken ill Sunday and was at Heaton hospital since that time, died last evening. He was born in Sweden Oct. 2, 1870, and came to this country when he was 14 years of age. He has lived in Montpelier for 16 years. He was married to Alfreda Negren of Quincy, Mass., and three children were born to them. These are Harold, Walter and Esther, who with their mother, survive the deceased. He also leaves four sisters, Mrs. Allyn Thuren of Montpelier, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Leith of Braintree, and Mrs. Hedlund of Connecticut. He was a member of the English, the Scandinavian Brotherhood and Order of Vasa in Montpelier. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon.

AN APPEAL FOR THE EARLY PURCHASE OF LIBERTY BONDS

Of the "Fighting Fourth Liberty Loan."

To the Public: The selling campaign of the fourth Liberty loan opens to-day, and closes on Oct. 19. The Liberty loan committee of Barre wishes to impress upon the public the importance of filing an application for bonds without waiting for a personal solicitation. There may have been some excuse for delay in the previous loans, owing to the fact that many people were not familiar with bonds and desired information before purchasing, but there can be no reason for such excuse now. We urge you to go at once to your bank and enter your application for bonds.

Barre's quota is \$400,000—just double what it was for the last loan. Shall we raise it? We confidently await your answer. The banks are ready for your applications. They have a tremendous amount of work ahead of them to handle the details of this loan. They are doing this work without remuneration of any kind. Won't you kindly assist them and the committee by filing your application at once?

Please do it now. Yours for the Fighting Fourth Loan,
C. W. Melcher, Chairman,
C. F. Miller,
C. M. Willey,
Charles H. Wishart,
Barre City Liberty Loan Com.

BROKE BOTH HIP.

Was Recovering from One Fall When She Fell Again and Declined to Death.

Mrs. Lucy C. Spear of Minneapolis died at Heaton hospital this morning as the result of accidents in which both hips were broken. Some weeks ago she fell and broke one hip and was taken to the hospital for treatment. She recovered so that she was able to get about on crutches and while standing in her private ward she fell and broke the other hip. Since then she has steadily failed.

She leaves two daughters, Mrs. George B. Young of Montpelier and Mrs. F. J. McCoy of Minneapolis. The body will be taken to Minneapolis.

TO HAVE STATE JURISDICTION.

Committee Named to Have Charge of New Construction.

The following committee has been appointed to have supervision of property construction applications in Vermont: J. M. Boutwell of Montpelier, chairman; Harry H. Carr of St. Johnsbury, Frank M. Wilson of Rutland, Nelson D. Phelps of Barre, Sherman R. Moulton of Burlington, C. C. Graves of Waterbury, with J. G. Brown of Montpelier as secretary.

A 100 PER CENT OFFICE.

All Barre Times Office Force Subscribe to Fourth Liberty Loan.

The Barre Times force, is 100 per cent complete on subscription to the Fighting Fourth Liberty loan, all the members of the office staff having made their subscriptions prior to to-day, the opening day of the three weeks' drive. This entitled The Times to a 100 per cent flag.

HAVE GERMANS AGAINST WALL

The Americans Have Driven Them to Brunhilde Line

FIGHTS DESPERATELY WHERE THE ENEMY

Americans Are Using Artillery to Break Up Defenses

With the American Army Northwest of Verdun, Sept. 28, 9 a. m. (By the Associated Press).—With their backs to the outer edge of the Brunhilde line, the Germans to-day were fighting desperately in an endeavor to bring the American advance to a definite halt. The Germans were increasing the volume of their fire and indicating anew their determination to resist to the utmost.

The line fought for runs through the northern Argonne woods and eastward along a line paralleling the Epinoyville-Monfaucon road to a point near Ivroly, and thence northeasterly. The Germans are massed in the Cierges wood and in the Emont woods.

The Americans are using their artillery freely to break up the enemy dispositions. The Germans are depending upon machine gun fire at every advanced point in their effort to check the Americans.

DIED AT CAMP DEVENS.

Private Minotti Tolentini Was Ill of Influenza.

Private Minotti Tolentini, a Barre boy who joined the colors late in June, died at Camp Devens Friday forenoon at 9:25 o'clock, after a brief illness of the Spanish influenza. Tidings of his demise were received in Bethel yesterday afternoon and forwarded to Barre last evening. It is expected that the body will arrive in Bethel in time for funeral services to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The deceased was born in Italy 27 years ago, although he had been a resident in this city for several years, having been employed here as a granite-cutter, latterly in the plant of the Cook & Watkins Granite Manufacturing Co. While here he boarded in the home of Mrs. Josephine Vanetti of 12 Granite street and lodgings in the C. Zanoni block. His mother and one brother are residing in Italy, while a second brother is serving with the Italian army. Private Tolentini was called to the colors early in the summer and went to Camp Devens June 27. Three weeks ago he passed a brief furlough among his friends here. The young soldier was highly regarded by his acquaintances and his untimely death has only added to the gloom which has settled down over the Italian colony of Barre as reports of deaths in camp and training station continue to be received.

WAS KILLED IN ACTION.

Lieut. George F. Watkins, Grandson of John F. Cook of Barre.

John F. Cook received a letter this morning, announcing that his grandson, 2d Lieutenant George F. Watkins, who recently was reported severely wounded, was killed in action. The young officer was with Co. L, 105th Reg. of the Rainbow division. He was 24 years of age, a graduate of Dartmouth college and was with the Strathmore Paper Co. at Worcester, Mass., when he entered the first Plattsburg training camp. He was the son of George R. and Frances M. (Cook) Watkins. His mother is living in Springfield, Mass., and a brother, Maurice C. Watkins, is now in Europe with an aero squadron.

The news of the young man's death came as a great shock to Mr. Cook, because his grandson had been brought up in Mr. Cook's family since the death of the boy's father. Lieut. Watkins had visited in Barre and made many friends here.

FUNERAL OF MISS RAMAGE

Was Attended By Many People Yesterday Afternoon.

Funeral services for Miss Eldusta H. Ramage, adopted daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ramage of 6 Camp street, and a teacher in the Ayers street school, whose death Tuesday night followed a brief illness of pneumonia, were held at the house Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. F. L. Goodspeed, pastor of the Barre Congregational church, officiating. There was a large gathering of friends, the attendance including many teachers in the public schools, as well as members of the Philathea class of the Congregational church, with which Miss Ramage was associated. The bearers were: Supt. C. H. White of the city schools, William A. Mathieson, John Corskie, George Tucker, William McLeod and H. B. Tenney. There was a profusion of flowers. Interment took place in Elmwood cemetery, the teachers acting as an escort while the body was being removed to the grave.

MRS. GEORGE J. BARBER.

Died This Morning After a Prolonged Illness.

The death of Mrs. George J. Barber occurred this morning after a prolonged illness. The deceased was born Jan. 16, 1858, and is survived by her husband and two children, Helen Maxine, aged five years, and Dan Cyrus, aged 17 months; also a sister, Mrs. C. G. Perrin and her foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Perrin. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. N. Barber, 55 Merchant street, this city, Rev. Bert J. Lehigh officiating.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE POURING IN

Many Communities Over-subscribed for Fourth Loan

OFFICIALS EXPRESS FULL CONFIDENCE

Believe That the Six-Billion Mark Will Be Exceeded

Washington, D. C., Sept. 28.—America to-day set itself to the task of raising a loan of \$6,000,000,000 in three weeks.

Although this was twice the minimum of any previous Liberty loan and by far the greatest war credit ever undertaken by any nation, treasury department officials were certain that the sum would be over-subscribed. Their confidence was expressed in the announcement that the surplus would be allotted.

Officials felt that it was a favorable augury for the fourth Liberty loan, that the campaign got under way just when the American army was pressing forward in a great offensive in France, and Bulgaria was suing for peace, starting the long expected disintegration of the central powers.

Subscriptions to the loan began pouring in to-day at all federal reserve banks. Many communities had over-subscribed their quotas even before the campaign officially opened.

HUGE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO LIBERTY LOAN

Two Life Insurance Companies Buy Total of \$55,000,000 as a Starter for New York's Drive.

New York, Sept. 28.—Two subscriptions aggregating \$55,000,000 were announced when the second federal reserve district committee formally inaugurated its drive for the fourth Liberty loan at 9 o'clock to-day.

The Prudential Life Insurance company of America took \$30,000,000 of the issue, and the New York Life Insurance company \$25,000,000. These supplemented a purchase of \$40,000,000 worth of bonds announced last night by the United States Steel corporation.

BARRE'S CAMPAIGN FOR LIBERTY LOAN

Men's and Women's Committees Get Under Way—Barre's Quota Is \$400,000.

To-day the Liberty loan committee of Barre launched a vigorous campaign in behalf of the "Fighting Fourth." It is a distant goal that the community is seeking, for Barre's quota in the drive that eventually is to net the government \$6,000,000,000 for the prosecution of the war is \$400,000. That the quota will be subscribed, no one who has borne witness to Barre's loyalty in the past can doubt. "Shop early" is the slogan which the committee is using in the new campaign, and a strenuous effort is being made to induce everybody to go to the bank to-day or sometime next week and subscribe for a bond.

The men's committee is headed by a group of bankers and bank directors, including C. W. Melcher, C. H. Wishart, J. F. Miller and C. M. Willey. Mrs. James Mackay of Park street is acting as chairman of the women's committee, and it may be stated in passing that the women are expected to take a very important part in the campaign. Unfortunately the mass meeting which was to have been held in the opera house Sunday afternoon, with a lieutenant of the French army as the speaker, has been cancelled at the suggestion of the board of health. It is realized that the unusual conditions make the cancellation almost imperative, but it is possible that another rally may be held later in the campaign, although members of the committee concur in the opinion that the war has gone too far, that the need of tangible support is so patent to need rallies of speechmaking.

Barre should go over the top in the first week of the campaign. To that end the granite manufacturers are co-operating loyally with the committee, and an intensive drive in the stonehills will be gotten under way early in the week. The canvass, which will include a house-to-house visitation, is to be inaugurated late next week, or early in the week following.

These are plans. The committee hopes that the number of people who voluntarily go to the bank of their choice and subscribe will be sufficient to make a canvass almost unnecessary. The time for words and phrases has passed. It is time to act. Subscribe at once!!!

PRES. WILSON GOT GRAND RECEPTION

Cheered by Vast Throng in New York City on the Occasion of His Visit to Aid the Loan.

New York, Sept. 28.—President Wilson and his party left to-day for Washington, after a demonstration which culminated in enthusiasm at his arrival here yesterday. He was cheered by a great throng, which waved newspapers with the Liberty loan address displayed. The president smiled broadly.

The Weather Prediction.

Fair to-night and Sunday's slightly cooler to-night in Vermont; fresh southwest to west winds.